

A STORY

Of How Two Men Made a Fortune On a Little Island

One hundred families once lived upon an island. How they reached the island we will not now stop to inquire, but they were there by shipwreck or by voluntary settlement. Their united labor produced all the wealth enjoyed by the inhabitants of the island. All hands being employed in useful labor, a reasonable degree of comfort and happiness.

But at length two of the men, Stephen and John, shrewd, and more cunning than the others, decided to exchange the island to adopt as their medium of exchange a certain yellow metal, which they discovered on their part of the island.

They convinced their brethren that this yellow metal was an honest and stable measure of value and finally induced them to adopt it as their standard. From this time forward John and Stephen loaned the yellow metal to the people. They were to return 110 pieces for every 100 borrowed and they pledged their homes and lands as security for the loan.

John and Stephen employed a clerk to do their writing and recording of pledges for them, and pursued their investigations along the lines of securing, if possible, a still more safe and stable medium of exchange for the people.

From the day that they got the label of the island to adopt as their medium of exchange their yellow metal, they received besides the products of their own labor, the products of the labor of the other ninety-eight families, or so much of the good things of life as any other ten families on the island. John and Stephen were doing now two one-hundredths of the labor and receiving twelve one-hundredths of the wealth produced. Different parties began to complain them for their business capacity, foresight and good management.

John and Stephen were not satisfied, however, with what they had done for the people. They continued to meet each other frequently to talk over ways and means of perfecting the people's medium of exchange. At last John hit upon a scheme to advance the interest of their public material and, as he said to them in the public meeting, "give them as sound and stable a circulating medium as it was possible for the ingenuity of man to devise." He and Stephen decided the matter at first length and finally decided to recommend their scheme to the people.

In brief they decided that the people did not really care to actively handle their yellow pieces of metal; all they could demand was that the yellow pieces should be safe in John and Stephen's keeping when wanted. They decided to write pieces of paper and to deliver to the holder of the paper as many pieces of yellow metal as were raised on the paper whenever the paper should be presented to them at their chests, and lent him to the people instead of real pieces of metal. Stephen explained to the islanders the length the scheme and the advantage of the new system. The paper was received with more convention than the people had in their business; and since the population of the island was growing and business increasing, they were now a larger volume of circulating medium than the limited number of pieces of yellow metal would supply.

Accordingly they would issue three pieces of paper for every piece of yellow metal they had in their store. While the paper was far more convenient, and so long as they knew the metal was there for them whenever they presented their paper and demanded it, they would not present their paper for redemption. They said this was the crowning glory of their system. So long as the metal reserve was maintained in their chests, confidence would be preserved, and so long as confidence remained undisturbed, business and trade would go on without disturbance. They would utilize their augmented capital in developing the resources of the island and opening up new opportunities for employment.

The new and improved system of finance was submitted to the inhabitants for their approval, and, as we have said, was adopted by a large majority. Only two men, Edward and Henry, had the temerity to vote against the improved system.

It was soon apparent in the affairs of the island that John and Stephen were right when they said the islanders needed a larger circulating medium, for loans now increased rapidly. Their chests were kept busy writing pledges of homes and lands given by the people to secure the loans. The rate for loans still remained the same, ten for 100.

At this period on John and Stephen prospered exceedingly. It is true they did not work now so hard as formerly. They had much more leisure. They and Henry used to go out and buy pieces of paper for each piece of the yellow metal they had in their reserve. They were now receiving a very large part of all the wealth produced on the island, or as much as any other ten families. Stephen and John in time began to have servants and carriage and other things befitting their station in life.

It was rumored through the island that Henry and Edward were dissatisfied with the management of affairs on the island and were sowing seeds of discontent among the people. It was said they were deciding that it was neither right nor just that Stephen and John, who did little labor should receive as much as twenty families who were toiling constantly. But John as spokesman at the next public meeting took occasion to extol the disinterested and unselfish devotion of himself and his friend, Stephen, to the general welfare of their fellow citizens. "Have we not," said he, "furnished you a safe medium of exchange?" "Have we not done much to maintain confidence?" "Have we not given employment to labor?" "Have we not endeavored to develop the resources of our island?" "Have we not at all times striven to advance the best interests of our beloved island, and without any hope of reward, save the love and esteem of our fellow citizens?"

At the conclusion of these remarks some enthusiastic friends proposed a vote of confidence in the integrity, wisdom, patriotism and statesmanship of their great leaders, John and Stephen, and it was carried with a burst, only Edward, Henry and one or two more voting against it.

SOME RAMBLING THOUGHTS

By "MAY"

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THE CHURCHMAN'S THOUGHTS

To you who have been crowded with dumb sorrow that you cannot tell; to you whose burdens are heavy and dreary; to you whose way is narrow and dark; to you who are prone as to the meeting of life and your own existence; to you I write.

Be patient at this season of rest and devotion to God. It is a time when the soul is purged and the heart is purified. It is a time when the soul is purified and the heart is purified. It is a time when the soul is purified and the heart is purified.

The great and tireless are often wrong; while the humble and obscure serve to make and transmit the public opinion that gradually overthrows error. Note that the wise men were turned aside to Jerusalem while the simple shepherds, patiently doing their wearisome duties daily, untiringly by the pursuing questioner of the Magi, learned more than three about "peace and good will."

Since their day each age has through its own secret and interpret seen the fragmentary career of the lonely man. They have darkened his counsel with words, they have smothered the breath of his purpose, they have tried to wall around the sea of his goodness, they have attempted to seal up and confine the sunshine of truth. But over against the limiters of light, the monopolies of heaven, the head-wise interpreters, must be the heart of the common people, who, like the man born blind, cannot argue down sophistries and puzzle out intricate fables, but can simply look back upon the world of the common people, who, like the man born blind, cannot argue down sophistries and puzzle out intricate fables, but can simply look back upon the world of the common people.

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CRYSTALS PERFECTLY CURED

"I highly recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all who suffer with scrofula, rheumatism, erysipelas or from any disease caused by impure blood. I have taken it and have found it an excellent tonic and blood purifier. I have been perfectly cured of severe attacks of erysipelas by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla."—A. E. Williams, Woodbury, N. Y.

HOOD'S PILLS are easy to buy, easy to take, easy in effect.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

CONDUCTED BY E. HARRISON AND M. A. AVITT, HARRISON, KY.

In this column, we shall endeavor to give advice and answers to such questions as will be of interest and benefit to the teachers and pupils of the common schools.

All teachers are respectfully asked to contribute short articles, not exceeding 200 words, on the subjects of interest, and to send them to the Editor of the Educational Column.

All communications concerning this column should be forwarded to the above address.

TEACHING AND GOVERNING

Granting that a teacher is in the business of teaching, and that he knows what to teach, there are yet other things that may make his usefulness as a teacher.

He may not be conscientious as to his duty. This is an important point. It is a point that every teacher should consider. It is a point that every teacher should consider. It is a point that every teacher should consider.

"Another point worth considering is this: Is our would-be teacher a student? Or does he know enough already? Does he try to improve himself in a general way, by reading the literature of his calling by attending institutes, teachers' meetings, etc. If he knows enough without all this, he will be a failure as a teacher."

The day has passed when a teacher can be satisfied to know enough. The best teachers of the world are the hardest students. They are men and women who improve every opportunity of learning something new. A teacher should study from his life. He must keep him self fresh and all the branches to be taught.

"Great teacher, little deeds." "Be true to life, and then to all." "All things are easy to industry. All things difficult to sloth."

"Diligence is the mother of good luck." "The rotten apple spoils the companion." "Lost time is never found again."

"One to-day is worth two to-morrow." "By whom were the following utterances made?"

1. "Whom can we trust now?"
2. Dear friends, my love salutes you all."
3. "Oh God, it is all over."
4. "We are one nation today, and thirteen to-morrow."

5. "I have not yet begun to learn."
Ans. 1. Washington when learning of Arnold's treason.
2. Wm. Penn on his return to England from his brethren in America.
3. Lord North, of England, on the hearing of Cornwallis' surrender.
4. Washington.
5. Paul Jones.

1. Who was called the American Fabius?
Ans.—Washington.
2. Under what department does education stand of the United States come?
Ans.—Department of Interior.
3. Who is the "First Lady of the Land"?
Ans.—The President's wife.
4. Where is the center of population in the United States, according to the census of 1890?
Ans.—Near Greensburg, Ind.
What battle decided the Civil War?
Ans.—Gettysburg.
What was the last battle of England?
Ans.—Alfred Austin.

IRVINGTON.

Mr. Vittoria's sister is visiting her.

Little Miss Annie Lee Bandy is on the sick list.

Miss Jane Cunningham is visiting relatives in town.

Messrs. Philip Cain and Overton Blandford spent Sunday in town.

Miss Nannie Henderson is threatened with an attack of grippe.

Miss Emma Kurtz, of Webster, and Mr. Claycomb were guests of Miss Mollie Lyons Sunday.

Miss Ida Gardner, of Union Star, is with Mrs. Sandy Henry. She will remain until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gardner and son, Lemar, R. M. Jolly, Nannie Lee, Louis and Edwin all took in the Christmas night at Louisville a gay time indeed.

The following is the order of the exercises to be given at the Methodist church Thursday evening, Dec. 24, beginning promptly at 7 o'clock.

Preparatory, by Rev. J. W. Lewis.

Invocation, by Rev. J. W. Lewis.

Scripture, by Rev. J. W. Lewis.

Prayer, by Rev. J. W. Lewis.

Singing, by the choir.

Offering, by the choir.

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LIKE A CYCLONE

The crowd struck us yesterday, what a rush it was, thought once we would have to hang out a sign, "Standing Room Only." How our clerks did work, what a happy lot of people came looking for Christmas presents, and they knew they would find them here. Down the center counter, how the Fancy CHINA Ware did go. Storm swept by a ceaseless army of buyers, and the Dolls how they went. All over the house the shouts of the Merry Christmas gift hunters mingled with the clang of the Cash Register the song of cash boys, was enough to thrill the Heart of everyone.

It made everybody feel like to-morrow night they

WANTED TO BE SANTA CLAUS

And make the little hearts glad. To-morrow begins the last rush before Santa will come down the chimney. are you prepared to do the Santa Claus act? If not strike a bee line for our store while yet there are good things left.

EVERY LADY



Who came to our store went away satisfied that we are the people for Up-to-Date goods. They told others to come to us—the result an endless procession is constantly passing our counters. There are more goods yet. A big stock in the first place made it easy to please every one. Let us help you make others happy.

LITTLE FOLKS

Come and pick out what you want Santa Claus to bring you. We will tell Santa all about what you want.

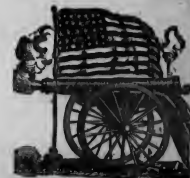


To-Morrow Night



Will be the night to act Santa Claus. Let's not worry over the matter—just come to us we can help you find gifts for the loved ones.

FIRE WORKS



Let's shoot old Santa boys—make him hustle around oftener. How about Fire Crackers, Roman Candles, Sky Rockets. We have lots of them.

Grocery Department

Send in your orders, we can fill them with good things to eat—such a display as we present will tempt the appetite of any one.

FOR BOYS

Wagons,
Engines,
Trains,
Guns,
Tool Chest,
Books,
Candy,
Fire Works,
Harps,
Drums,
Toy Pistols.

A REMINDER

CLOTHING
DEPARTMENT
SHOE
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DRESS GOODS
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TOY
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CHINA WARE
DEPARTMENT
Full of Christmas Novelties.

FOR GIRLS

Sewing Machines,
Trunks,
Pianos,
Wash Outfits,
Stoves,
Dishes,
Dolls,
Sad Irons,
Doll Buggies
Tables,
Chairs.

A CLEAN SWEEP

To-day and to-morrow we will make a clean sweep of every Toy and Novelty in our house. We have the goods to fill your wants, so come to our store. Our great Clearance sale will start the town talking. It will carry more sunshine and pleasure into the hearts of the little ones than any other Clearance Sale ever inaugurated in this city. It's the bountiful harvest of bargains seldom spread before public. It's your picking. It's your feast. Don't hesitate, but come to our store to-day and to-morrow—it's a money saver to you.

SULZER'S

Highest Honors—World's Fair.
DR. PRICES
CREAM BAKING POWDER
BEST PERFECT MADE.

A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 Years the Standard.

BRECKENRIDGE NEWS.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1896.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Fruit—fruits at Hilde's.
Fine wares at Hilde's & Co's.
A great big doll for 10 cents—Su's.
Fresh candies for Christmas—Hilde's.

J. H. Miller, Sample, was in town Monday.

Fine candies for Christmas at Bab-bage's.

Hot coffee—hot coffee at the City Bakery.

Don't miss it—today and to-morrow—Su's.

Today and to-morrow—It's a snap—Su's.

Salt at 90 cents a barrel at Addison & Dick, Addison.

Dr. S. C. Black, of Glasgow, was in the city yesterday.

Henry Head, of Corydon, Ky., was in the city yesterday.

How about a fancy basket of fruits and candies—Su's.

Don't miss the cyclone sale to-day and to-morrow—Su's.

The saloons were all closed from Wednesday until Saturday.

John E. Woods, of Louisville, was in the city yesterday on business.

Miss Nellie Miller, of Sample, visited Mrs. Eugene Hayes last week.

The Ladies' Club met at Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Logan's last Thursday evening.

James Snyder has a new hat that has dropped thirty-eight pins in eleven months.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Miller, of New Bethel, were in the city yesterday, shopping.

Services next Sunday at the Irvington Catholic church will be held at the usual hour.

Just one look and you will want some of the pretty Christmas novelties we have—Su's.

Miss Margaret Skillman arrived home from Oxford, Ohio, yesterday night, to spend Christmas.

Remember our goods are the pick of many lines—we can offer you some rare bargains—Su's.

Will Mattingly, of Concordia, has accepted a position as time-keeper at Cornwall's quarry.

Clint Addison is again on the road selling the best line of hats in the country. Have an order for him.

Nothing is more appreciated than a nice box of candy for a Christmas present. See?—Ba-bage's.

Mr. Austin B. win, one of the oldest citizens in the county, died at his home Sunday night, Monday night.

S. D. Cox, of Stephentown, was a passenger on the train Friday returning from a business trip to Cincinnati.

Christmas merriment perhaps you will have to make a present to—Su's one you forgot—don't remember—Su's.

The Rev. Mr. Hayes, assistant minister, will deliver a lecture at the Baptist church to-night. No levity at the hour.

Hours can be spent in Su's establishment looking at the Christmas beauties—the more you look the more you want.

Just a souvenir, then get something unique, pretty and desirable. A Tokyo cup and saucer is just the thing—Su's.

Miss Maggie Bowman, after an extended visit to friends and relatives in Owensboro and Henderson, returned home yesterday.

William Tinnies and Miss Bertie Hawkins will be married to-night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Hawkins.

Don't get that we have been headquarters for Santa Claus for the past twenty years. Our stock this year, is all new—Ba-bage's.

If a cyclone had struck us here the last week it would not have closed the counters earlier than our prices for day and to-morrow—Su's.

No line of wares has created more talk than the line of Japanese novelties of our dainty little, curious shapes—they make an elegant present—Su's.

We come to you this year, with one of the best selected lines of holiday goods in the city. A minute will be made if you don't visit us—Ba-bage's.

Services at St. Rose Catholic church on Christmas day at 8—10—11—30 a. m.

In the evening at 7:30. There will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

By order of the Rev. Bishop, a collection will be taken up at all the morning services. Holy Communion at all the masses.

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James Owen spent Friday here.

Dolls—dolls—dolls at City Bakery.

Crackers—Gregory & Gibson.

Christmas cakes—fresh and nice—Su's.

Lanterns served Xmas week at Hilde's & Co's.

In the lead for Xmas goods—Ba-bage's.

Fresh cream, brick and Swiss cheese—Su's.

Annular Mattingly, Sample, was in the city Saturday.

Ba-bage's will be the place to get your Xmas goods.

Flora, W. E. Rutledge, went to Hardinsburg yesterday.

Florida oranges dirt cheap, Addison & Dick, Addison.

Jalio Shillman, of Hardinsburg, was in the city Saturday.

A real handsome present—a Tokyo cup and saucer—Su's.

Miss Nellie Miller will be home to-day to spend Christmas.

Choice green apple 15 cents per pound at Addison & Dick, Addison.

There will be no preaching at the Irvington Catholic church on Sunday.

Ten Pate, of Jolly's Tavern, was in the city Monday enroute to Owensboro.

Send in your grocery order—we can fill it—everything the appetite may crave—Su's.

The prices are leaving big values and the farmers are having a crop of fat at Su's.

Never in a better shape in our lives to fill the wants of the people than this week—Su's.

Don't miss the chance to get holiday goods at the prices we offer to-day and to-morrow.

Hon. T. J. Jolly was in the city Saturday and says he will be a candidate for County Court Clerk.

Your holiday goods are at the store that give you the best and quality, F. N. D'huys, the place.

Dr. P. A. Addison of Portland Avenue, Louisville, is spending a few days among his friends at Ekron Ky.

Miss Nellie Miller, of Sample, of New Bethel, were in the city Monday, doing some Christmas shopping.

A cloud burst of beauty, radiant with good values and sparkling with low prices await your inspection at D'huys.

The younger four hundred, at this city have organ and a club. It is called the Cloverport Chocolate Candy Club.

Our stock of men's and ladies' handkerchiefs for Christmas presents are just what you want in the city.

Old Santa was so well pleased with our reception this year that he wanted to stay with the little girls home—Su's.

Learn the little girls how to sew—get a real sewing machine—nothing to get out of order, except present for little girls—Su's.

Try our grocery department for your groceries for the New Year. Good goods at light prices and prompt, free delivery.

F. N. D'huys.

Foster Lyons, Irvington, and John Dyer, Bara, were in town last week.

Mr. Dyer is a candidate for jailer on the Campbell ticket.

Dr. H. Henderson, John Addison and Charles Claycomb went to Louisville Thursday with two car loads of hogs. They sold for \$2.70.

Buy a watch, clock, silver spoon, silver shell, gold pen, silver novelties, but, but not on Saturday, a pair of good spectacles from D'huys.

Our advertisement is on our telephone—let us have been talking in the three last issues—don't ring off until Santa Claus comes on you—Su's.

Letters and deprecate cannot tell half the bargain story. You must come—make your own selections and we will make the price to suit—F. N. D'huys.

You never can be any younger, nor can you have such opportunities to have your photograph taken. So come with the crowd to Knight's Gallery.

Misses Elizabeth Skillman and Allison Murray accompanied by Mrs. R. Skillman, spent last Saturday and Sunday with Miss Brock Stephens at Alta Vista.

Mr. Charles Miller, Sr., of Harbington, spent Sunday in the city. He was enroute to New Madrid, Mo., to spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Robt. Park.

Rev. Donald M. Grant will preach at the Presbyterian church at Guston, Sunday morning. The Christian Endeavor society will conduct special services in the evening.

James C. Laimier, of Bristol, Tenn., was the guest of his uncle Mr. John Skillman last week. Mr. Laimier is on the reportorial staff of one of the daily papers in that city.

The "Presbyterian Gleamer" will give a Christmas entertainment to the ladies of the Sunday school on Sunday night. All the friends of the school are cordially invited.

Ladies send us 24c. in stamps and we will mail you a pair of button black mail—legitimate with privilege to return if not satisfactory in every respect—Mark-nam, Cammell, Ind.

Having served the people since 1873 or twenty-four years of square dealing, we are anxious to have this as the banner of our house. Come and see me for bargains. I am always in the lead—F. N. D'huys.

Detective Willis and Marshall Hall arrested Dave Cullum, the negro hoochie picker, that has been about here for some time. He was wanted at Butteville Cumberland county, Tenn., for attempted rape on a white woman.

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